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Monitoring of Infrastructure Projects
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is monitoring projects especially those belonging to infrastructure sector;

(b) if so, how many projects are behind schedule with cost overruns; and

(c) whether any decisions have been taken for their early completion and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) : Government through the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation monitors on-going Central Sector Infrastructure Projects costing Rs. 150 crore and above on time and cost overruns on the basis of information provided by the project implementation agencies.

(b) : As on 01.01.2016, a total of 1058 projects were on the monitor of this Ministry. Of these, 77 projects were showing both time and cost overruns with respect to their original project implementation schedules. Details are at Annexure.

(c) : The major steps undertaken to ensure completion of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects without time and cost overruns include rigorous project appraisal; On-line Computerized Monitoring System (OCMS) for better monitoring; setting up of Standing Committees in the Ministries for fixation of responsibility for time and cost overruns; regular review of infrastructure projects by the concerned administrative Ministries; and setting up of Central Sector Projects Coordination Committees (CSPCCs) in the States under the Chief Secretaries for removal of bottlenecks and for facilitating the speedy implementation of major projects.